

REMARKS

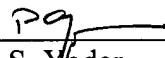
Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-31 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-10 to Group I as being drawn to a method of bonding surfaces, claims 11-16 and 21-27 to Group II as being drawn to a method of laminating substrates, claims 17-20 to Group III as being drawn to cured epoxy material for bonding, and claims 28-31 to Group IV as being drawn to an ultrasound transducer array.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 11-16 and 21-27 of Group II. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 1-10, 17-20 and 28-31 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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